

**Remark:**

Elements of the subject claims are renamed to clearer identify the features of the claimed invention. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter had been introduced.

Concerning election of species, it is respectfully submitted that all the figures filed with the application actual directed to the **SAME** species, or core structure to be claimed. This core structure is illustrated in the above page (page 12) of this response. Fig. 1, 2 of the application filing illustrates one of the supporting structures provided to support the invented core structure. Fig. 3 illustrates the application mode of the invented apparatus wherein the long overcoat 332 and the jacket 333 are properly supported without any interference by the beam in between. Fig. 4 illustrates an added feature to the supporting structure such that the height of the supporting member is adjustable. Fig. 5 added a rotation device to the base of the structure. Fig. 6 are alternate designs of the structure. From there it can be observed that all figures are directed to the same core garment hanging structure supported with different embodiments of supporting structure. Particularly it is extremely important to note all drawing are rely on the **SAME** core structure invented, and that variations of supporting structure designs illustrated in the different drawings are not recited in the independent claims 1, 12 and 15. In another word, all the independent claims are directed to the **SAME** core structure illustrated above, which is a common, or generic core structure of all drawings. In fact, claims 1, 12 and 15 merely provide different approaches to recite the characteristics of the beam positioned in between the two supporting members, according to a same core structure disclosed, therefore these independent claims perfectly satisfy the requirements of the patent laws. Because the subject independent claims do not direct to distinctive

different inventions, therefore restriction is **NOT** proper according to the requirement of 35 U.S.C. 121.

Even though the requirements to elect restriction is traversed, the applicant respectfully elects Fig. 1-3 according to the direction of the 35 U.S.C. 121. Since all the three independent claims reads on the same core structure of all the figures, accordingly all independent claims 1, 12 and 15 are all considered to be generic. If election is to be insisted during the examination process of the independent claims, the examiner is requested to examine the subject claims based on the identified, unique "core portion" of the drawings on file, and extend to the other figures when any dependent claim recites the additional, depending features supported by the other drawings.

A clean copy of all the subject pending claims is provided for the convenience of the examining process.

(End of remark)

**In the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A garment supporting apparatus comprising
  - a first garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member having a first pair of extended arms extended laterally from a first medial position;
  - a second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member having a second pair of extended arms extended laterally from a second medial position; each of said first and second pair of extended arms are arranged at a downward angle from said first and second medial portions for supporting a garment and at least one ~~pair of said extended arms~~ of said garment supporting members is fixedly secured relative to said garment supporting apparatus;
  - a supporting ~~member-structured~~ structure configured to support said first garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member m feet above a supporting surface and said second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member n feet above said supporting surface, wherein n is a positive number greater than m;
  - a beam extending between said first and second garment supporting ~~assemblies~~ members from a region on top of the medial position of said first garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member; and
  - the components of said garment supporting ~~apparatus~~ members are structured to provide an unobstructed space ~~between said second garment assembly and the supporting surface~~ for said second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member to properly support a long over coat.
2. (original) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein said beam is structured for receiving the suspension member of an external garment hanger.
3. (original) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the distance n feet is adjustable by a user.
4. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein said beam is connected to said supporting ~~member~~ structure.

5. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a holding structure positioned on top of said second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member for supporting a hat, a wig, a neck lace or a scarf.

6. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a tray located on top of said first garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member or on top of said supporting ~~member~~ structure.

7. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein in said supporting ~~member~~ structure extends from a base.

8. (original) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 9 wherein said base comprises rotating means for said supporting member to rotate relative from said base.

9. (original) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein said beam comprises of two or more separated segments.

10. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein said beam extends to a region beneath the medial position of said second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member.

11. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 1 wherein said beam extends along a vertical plane defined by the medial positions of said first and second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ members.

12. (currently amended) A garment supporting apparatus comprising  
a first garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member having a first pair of extended arms extended laterally from a first medial position;  
a second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member having a second pair of extended arms extended laterally from a second medial position; each of said

first and second pair of extended arms are arranged at a downward angle from said first and second medial portions for supporting a garment and at least one ~~pair of said extended arms~~ garment supporting members is fixedly secured relative to said garment supporting apparatus;

supporting member ~~structured~~ structure configured to support said first garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member m feet above a supporting surface and said second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member n feet above said supporting surface, wherein n is a positive number greater than m;

a beam extending between said first and second garment supporting ~~assemblies~~ members from a region beneath the medial position of said second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member; and

the components of said garment supporting apparatus are structured to provide an unobstructed space for said second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member to properly support a long over coat.

13. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 12 wherein said beam extends to a region on top of the medial position of said first garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member.

14. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 12 wherein said beam extends along a vertical plane defined by the medial positions of said first and second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ members.

15. (currently amended) A garment supporting apparatus comprising  
a first garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member having a first pair of extended arms extended laterally from a first medial position;  
a second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member having a second pair of extended arms extended laterally from a second medial position; each of said first and second pair of extended arms are arranged at a downward angle from said first and second medial portions for supporting a garment and at least one

~~pair of said extended arms supporting members~~ is fixedly secured relative to said garment supporting apparatus;

supporting member ~~structured~~ structure configured to support said first garment supporting assembly member m feet above a supporting surface and said second garment supporting assembly member n feet above said supporting surface, wherein n is a positive number greater than m;

a first beam positioned at least three feet from said supporting surface and extended between said first and second garment supporting assemblies members along a vertical plane defined by the medial positions of said first and second garment supporting assembly; and

the components of said garment supporting apparatus are structured to provide an unobstructed space for said second garment supporting assembly member to properly support a long over coat.

16. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 15 wherein said first beam extends from a region on top of the medial position of said first garment supporting assembly member.

17. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 15 wherein said first beam extends from a region beneath the medial position of said second garment supporting assembly member.

18. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a second beam wherein

said first beam is ~~structured~~ configured for said supporting member structure to support said first garment supporting assembly and

said second beam is ~~structured~~ configured for said supporting member structure to support said second garment supporting assembly.

19. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 15 further structured to provide at least two and half feet of unobstructed space between said first garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member and said supporting surface.

20. (currently amended) The garment supporting apparatus of claim 15 further structured to provide at least four feet of unobstructed space between said second garment supporting ~~assembly~~ member and said supporting surface.